

HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Madam Speaker, on September 6 the Financial Services Subcommittees held a hearing on a proposal to help Florida homeowners with their skyrocketing insurance costs. I am very troubled by the Administration's testimony and comments during that hearing.

The Administration alluded that homeowners are not paying enough for their premiums. The Administration claims that the insurance market is "active and effective."

Furthermore, the Administration's bipartisan opposition to any proposal by my colleagues or me to help homeowners along the Gulf Coast is a position we cannot accept.

Madam Speaker, I am troubled that the Administration continues to take a "let them eat cake" attitude while families and seniors are being forced from their homes, simply because they cannot afford property insurance. I hope the Administration takes notice of this problem soon, and begins to work with my colleagues and me to bring some relief to our constituents.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS
OF PAULA SZYPKO, M.D., FCAP**HON. VIRGINIA FOXX**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a fine doctor from North Carolina, my friend Dr. Paula Szytko of High Point. Her commitment to advocating for quality care for her patients is truly admirable.

Dr. Szytko will be stepping down at the end of this month as chair of the Federal and State Affairs Committee of the College of American Pathologists. Pathologists are physicians who help care for patients every day by providing doctors with the information they need to ensure appropriate patient care.

As a pathologist specializing in anatomic and clinical pathology at the North State Pathology Associates in High Point, she has been a leading advocate for early cancer screening tests, especially Pap tests. No screening test in medical history has been as effective for early detection of cervical cancer in women as the Pap examination.

As a member of the American College of Pathologists' Spokesperson Network, she has made numerous television appearances to advance this cause. For her effort she was awarded the CAP William H. Kuehn, Ph.D., Outstanding Communicator Award in 1999.

Her commitment to patient access to quality health care led her to meet with President George Bush in 2002, along with former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson, at the High Point Regional Health System in High Point, NC, to discuss her concerns about the rising cost of medical liability insurance.

Dr. Szytko received her medical degree from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine in Winston-Salem. Following medical

school, Dr. Szytko completed an internship in internal medicine at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC, and served her residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

While Dr. Szytko will be stepping down as chair of the College of American Pathologists' Federal and State Committee, I know that she will be a strong voice for promoting quality health care excellence in her profession. Please join me in recognizing this outstanding physician for her advocacy and commitment to the patients she serves.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO ROGER
BRYAN**HON. JON C. PORTER**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Roger Bryan. Mr. Bryan served the Clark County School District as an educator and administrator for over 35 years, and this year he will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of an elementary school being named in his honor.

Roger Bryan began his career as an educator before the age of 20. After only five years of teaching Roger was offered a principal position. In his 25 years in that capacity, he had the honor of opening three new schools and positively influencing innumerable young minds. He is an outstanding educator whose commitment to our community has made a profound difference to the students of Clark County. Roger was considered to be a "hands-on" administrator. It was not uncommon for him to stop by classes in order to teach a lesson in math or reading. Later on in his career, Roger went on to serve the Clark County School District as a school facilitator and as a member of the Elementary Division Administrative Team. In Roger's 35 years as a teacher, principal, and central office administrator, he never used a single sick day. Roger's commitment to education throughout his career is admirable.

Roger has not only served the Clark County School District, but he has also managed to coach basketball and be actively involved in the Boy Scouts of America. He has coached school and community basketball teams, many of which have gone to state and national championships. Being an Eagle Scout himself, Roger has continued to be involved in the organization by serving as a member of the Council Training Team and as an Explorer Unit leader.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Roger Bryan. His commitment to education as well as his involvement in the community should serve as an example to us all. I applaud his dedication and wish him the best.

TRIBUTE TO DAISAKU IKEDA

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend an

admirable leader Daisaku Ikeda on the 50th anniversary of Soka Gakkai International. As president, Mr. Ikeda is an exemplary humanitarian committed to developing a peaceful world.

As a young man, Mr. Ikeda was a disciple of Josei Toda, founder of Soka Gakkai International, of which 5,000 members reside in Dallas, TX. During this time, he adopted the mission to embrace the movement of human revolution based on daily efforts to transform their individual lives from within through a consistent and essential aspect of the historical challenge of nuclear disarmament, abolition and peace.

Mr. Ikeda is a prolific writer, poet, peace activist, pianist, environmentalist, photographer and interpreter of Nichiren Buddhism. In 1983, Mr. Ikeda proposed his first peace proposal in response to challenges of our global society grounded in his Buddhist perspective. This proposal is submitted each year to the United Nations.

As president of Soka Gakkai International, Mr. Ikeda has founded several institutions, such as Soka schools, the Min-On Concert Association, the Tokyo Fuji Art Museum, the Institute of Oriental Science and the Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research to promote educational, cultural, and artistic activities and to conduct exchanges with like groups and institutions on a global scale.

He has also initiated a wide range of grassroots exchange programs and delivered speeches at a number of institutions of higher learning around the world, including Harvard University, the Institut de France and Beijing University.

On behalf of the 30th Congressional District of Texas, I am honored to commend the life of an astounding man, Daisaku Ikeda and congratulate him on the 50th anniversary of Soka Gakkai International.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF
KENNETH PRUITT, JR.**HON. C. W. BILL YOUNG**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Madam Speaker, Kenneth P. Pruitt, Jr. was known to his family and friends as "KP." he had great wit, a sharp intellect, and demonstrated a sincere kindness to everyone who came across his path. That life was cut too short when Kenneth died on August 15, 2007, in Tallahassee, Florida, at the young age of 29.

Kenneth was the son of our Florida Senate President Ken Pruitt and Dianne Peters of Tampa.

Kenneth had an exceptional capacity for understanding computer systems and software from a very young age. He used this talent in the marketplace and in the public sector. Kenneth served as a network administrator at the State of Florida's Department of Revenue where he worked in the Child Support Enforcement Division. At the time of his death, Kenneth was working in the Information Technology department at Tallahassee HealthCare.

He was also rich in friends and family. He is survived by his daughter Chloe, age four, step-mother Aileen Pruitt of Port St. Lucie; siblings Steven, Mark, Ashley, and Michelle;

step-father Ron Peters of Tampa; and sister Samantha. He is also survived by his grandparents Jeannette Dufresne of New Port Richey, Robert and Fay Pruitt of Inverness, and many other friends and family members.

In honor of his memory, the Indian River Community College established the "Kenneth P. Pruitt, Jr. Scholarship" in order to provide assistance to students wishing to follow in Kenneth's footsteps and make a career in the field of computer technology. In this way, the spirit of this bright and talented young man will carry on to inspire others.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN SULLIVAN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SULLIVAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to state for the RECORD that I intended to vote "aye" on rollcall vote 859 taken on September 6, 2007 supporting passage of H.R. 2786, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act.

HONORING THE ASHEVILLE DIVISION U.S. NAVAL SEA CADETS

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication of the cadets and volunteers of the Asheville Division U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps program is a federally chartered youth training organization for students ages eleven to seventeen that is designed to educate young people about service in the Navy and Coast Guard both ashore and afloat.

The Asheville Division provides the young people of Western North Carolina with unparalleled opportunities to learn new skills and experience new challenges in a safe, alcohol and drug free environment. Some Cadets choose to continue to serve their country through military service, while many others go on to pursue civilian careers. Regardless of their future path, cadets benefit from the lessons learned in the program—good citizenship, self-discipline, a sense of responsibility, and leadership skills.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate Katelyn Kassel for reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer, the highest rank a cadet can achieve while participating in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Program. CPO Kassel is the first in the history of the Asheville Division to reach this honor. She is currently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she is participating in the Army ROTC program and studying as a pre-law student.

I am extremely proud of CPO Kassel for her hard work and dedication to this program. She was a wonderful asset to the program at her high school and serves as an excellent role model to other students. I have no doubt that CPO Kassel will serve our country well in the U.S. military.

I commend each of the cadets for their service in this important program, as well as the volunteers who keep this program going, especially Commanding Officer LTJG Heath Collins and Executive Officer R. Scott Lunsford. I ask each of my colleagues to join me in congratulating the cadets and volunteers of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets in Asheville and throughout the United States.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE C. SCHULZE

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Christine C. Schulze who passed away on July 19, 2007.

Christine was born May 14, 1915, in Ladysmith, Wisconsin. She was educated in southern Wisconsin and was employed by the U.S. Naval Training Station in Waukegan, Illinois during World War II. After the war she worked for Needham, Louis and Brorby Advertising Agency in Chicago. Christine then owned and operated a ladies' dress shop in Burbank, California before retiring with her husband, Werner in 1979 to Las Vegas, Nevada.

In addition to her professional endeavors, Christine also became interested in aviation. This interest evolved into a philanthropic project which provided an educational scholarship fund for students pursuing careers in aviation. In 2002, she established a scholarship fund for Rancho High School's Aviation Academy. Since its inception, the scholarship has provided over 500 student pilots with funding. In recognition of her philanthropic support to the students at Rancho High School, the school dedicated the Christine C. Schulze Aerospace Laboratory in her honor because of her generous donations to aviation and flight scholarships.

In a personal capacity, Christine was extremely active and dedicated to her community. She was a member of the Eastern Star, President of the Zonta Club, President of the Board of Retired Senior Volunteer Program, and established the Senior Auxiliary Board of the Retired Senior Volunteers of Henderson. She was active in the Republican Women of Henderson, Eta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, and Safe House of Henderson, to which she donated the first beds and linens for the facility. She also donated her time and efforts to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, in Boulder City, Nevada. Christine was a long-time Episcopalian and was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Las Vegas and was influential in the development of the Christ Church Endowment Fund.

Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor the life and legacy of Christine C. Schulze. Her dedication to the community and philanthropic devotion to students should serve as an example to us all. I applaud all her efforts.

TAIWAN

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 7, 2007

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment with the United Nation's rejection of Taiwan's membership bid. More than 14 times, the U.N. has denied Taiwan's application. It is unclear to me why this sovereign state, with a democratically elected government, should be refused entry into the international institution of the United Nations. I have heard the argument that granting Taiwan U.N. membership would upset the status quo Taiwan has with China. But, Madam Speaker, such arguments are weak. I suspect the real reason for the denial of Taiwan's recognition in the U.N. is the U.N.'s fear of upsetting the status quo the U.N. has with China's communist regime. It is outrageous to deny Taiwan's 23 million citizens representation in what should be a fair international organization. I am dismayed by the U.N.'s decision. Madam Speaker, but frankly, I am not surprised by it. It is obvious to me that the problem does not lie with Taiwan; rather, it lies with an incompetent, corrupt, and dictator-appeasing U.N.

PROTECT AMERICA ACT OF 2007

SPEECH OF

HON. DENNIS MOORE

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, August 4, 2007

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my disappointment regarding the House of Representatives' approval of S. 1927, legislation greatly expanding the Bush Administration's eavesdropping authority beyond even what Administration officials requested. I urge the House Judiciary Committee to promptly consider and report improved legislation that will provide the necessary surveillance authority our intelligence services need to protect our nation, while protecting our citizens' most basic expectation of privacy and fundamental civil liberties that are guaranteed by our constitution. Specifically, the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states plainly: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

I have been a longstanding supporter of efforts to provide our intelligence and law enforcement agencies with all the necessary tools they need to monitor potential agents with terrorist intentions against the United States. Following the awful terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, on our country, I joined 356 of my House colleagues to vote for the USA PATRIOT Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-56). The legislation gave federal officials greater authority to track and intercept communications, both for law enforcement and foreign intelligence